

frequency transceiver circuitry 72 may be coupled to intermediate frequency antenna 400A in device 10A. Antenna 400A may communicate wirelessly with a corresponding antenna such as antenna 400B in case 10B. Antennas 400A and 400B may communicate using near field communications (i.e., antennas 400A and 400B may be patch antennas or other antennas that are electromagnetically near field coupled, may be loop antennas that are inductively near field coupled, may be capacitor plate structures or other near field antenna structures that are capacitively near field coupled, etc.). Intermediate frequency transceiver circuitry 74 in case 10B may be coupled to antenna 400B.

[0035] During operation, device 10A may use transceiver circuitry 72 and antenna 400A to transmit and/or receive IF signals that are received and/or transmitted by antenna 400B and transceiver circuitry 74 in case 10B.

[0036] In case 10B, intermediate frequency signal path 77 may convey IF signals between transceiver circuitry 74 and circuitry 75. Circuitry 75 may be implemented on a semiconductor device (e.g., an integrated circuit such as a silicon die) or may be formed from one or more devices mounted on a printed circuit or other substrate. Circuitry 75 may include upconverter/downconverter circuitry and transceiver circuitry coupled to path 77, for converting IF signals from path 77 to radio-frequency signals for transmission over an antenna array formed from antennas 40-1, 40-2, . . . 40-N (i.e., antenna array 40) and for receiving radio-frequency signals from antenna array 40 and converting received radio-frequency signals from the antenna array to intermediate frequency signals for path 77. Circuitry 75 may include circuitry such as phased array transceiver circuitry 34-2 of FIG. 3 for implementing beam steering. The antennas of array 40 of FIG. 6 may communicate wirelessly with one or more antennas in external equipment 10C over wireless link 26.

[0037] Any suitable communications bands may be supported over link 26. As an example, circuitry 75, the antennas of array 40, wireless link 26, and the transceiver circuitry in equipment 10 may be used to support wireless communications in extremely high frequency (EHF) bands at 60 GHz (or at 24 GHz or other millimeter wave communications bands, frequencies above 60 GHz, etc.). Communications may also be supported at IEEE 802.11 wireless local area network bands such as the bands at 2.4 GHz, 5 GHz, bands at frequencies below 100 MHz such as NFC bands, etc.

[0038] If desired, power may be conveyed wirelessly from equipment 10C. An illustrative configuration for charging electronic device 10A wirelessly using equipment 10C and case 10B is shown in FIG. 7. In the example of FIG. 7, equipment 10C has power transmission circuitry 34PT that is coupled to an array of one or more antennas 40P in equipment 10C. Antennas 40P may, as an example, be antennas that operate at 2.4 GHz, 5 GHz, other microwave frequencies, or other suitable frequencies (as examples). Antennas 40P may be supported by one or more printed circuits and/or may be formed as part of one or more integrated circuits. For example, antennas 40P may be mounted on a printed circuit substrate such as illustrative printed circuit 40PC. Antennas 40P may convey wireless power to a corresponding set of antennas 40P' in case 10B. Antennas 40P' may include one or more antennas (e.g., an array of antennas) and may be implemented on one or

more semiconductor dies and/or mounted on one or more printed circuit board substrates (see, e.g., substrate 40PC').

[0039] Circuitry 34PT of equipment 10C may transmit power wirelessly to case 10B over wireless path 26. Power for circuitry 34PT may be supplied using a power source such as power source 60. Power source 60 may provide alternating current (AC) power from a wall outlet or may be based on a battery. Transmitter circuitry 62 (e.g., a transmitter with circuitry for controlling a phased antenna array such as antenna array 40P) may be used to wirelessly transmit power that has been received from power source 60 to case 10B over wireless path 26 with antenna array 40P, as described in connection with circuitry 62 of FIG. 5.

[0040] Case 10B may include circuitry such as circuitry 92 for receiving radio-frequency power signals from antenna array 40P' and for converting this circuitry to DC power (see, e.g., circuitry 34PT' of FIG. 5). DC power from circuitry 92 may be provided to battery 52B to charge battery 52B and may be conveyed to device 10A using a wired path (e.g., via path 80, connector 204 of case 10B and via connector 130 and path 88 of device 10A). Alternatively, or in combination with transferring power from case 10B to device 10A using a wired path, power can be transferred wirelessly. For example, circuitry 92 of case 10B can include transmitter circuitry such as circuitry 62 of FIG. 3 that is coupled to an antenna such as antenna 82 that is near-field coupled to antenna 84 in device 10A. Circuitry 92 can use antenna 82 to convey power wirelessly to antenna 84 in device 10A (e.g., at 2.4 GHz, at 5 GHz, at other microwave frequencies, or at other frequencies). Antenna 84 may be coupled to circuitry 86 (e.g., power conversion circuitry such as circuitry 64 of FIG. 5). Circuitry 86 may convert received radio-frequency power signals from antenna structure 84 to DC power on path 90. Antennas such as antennas 82 and 84 may be patch antennas or other antennas that are electromagnetically near field coupled, may be loop antennas that are inductively near field coupled, may be capacitor plate structures or other structures that are capacitively near field coupled, or may be other suitable wireless power transfer structures.

[0041] If desired, case 10B may include both wireless communications antennas such as antenna array 40 of FIG. 6 and wireless charging antennas such as antenna array 40P' of FIG. 7. Shared antenna structures or separate sets of antennas may be used in forming the wireless communications antennas and wireless charging antennas in configurations in which case 10B contains both wireless communications and wireless charging antennas.

[0042] The foregoing is merely illustrative and various modifications can be made by those skilled in the art without departing from the scope and spirit of the described embodiments. The foregoing embodiments may be implemented individually or in any combination.

What is claimed is:

1. A removable electronic device case that is configured to mate with an electronic device and that supports wireless communications with external equipment, comprising:

a body configured to mate with the electronic device; radio-frequency transceiver circuitry in the body; and an array of antennas with which the radio-frequency transceiver circuitry wirelessly communicates with the external equipment.

2. The removable electronic device case defined in claim 1 wherein the radio-frequency transceiver circuitry includes